

# ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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## SMART-T EXCELLENCE IN ACQUISITION



The Secretary of Defense William J. Perry presented the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition award to an Integrated Product Team (IPT) of the Secure Mobile Anti-Jam Reliable Tactical Terminal (SMART-T) program at an awards ceremony 3 May 1996 which recognized the six best DoD acquisition IPTs. The program was initially estimated to cost about \$660M to produce, but after applying a series of acquisition initiatives, including further contract competition and a stable funding offer, a production contract was awarded earlier this fiscal year for \$250M.

## STAND-DOWN-ACQUISITION REFORM ACCELERATION DAY

May 31, 1996 has been designated as  the Acquisition Reform Acceleration Stand-Down Day by Dr. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). Throughout the Defense Department, acquisition personnel will cease normal operations on this day. The entire chain of command will dedicate this day to increasing awareness of our acquisition reform initiatives and discussing how best to accelerate their implementation. Points of Contact are Ms. Susan Erwin, (703) 681-9292 and Mr. Ronald Endicott, (703) 695-5830.



## PLS TO SAVE OVER 5 MILLION DOLLARS

The Palletized Loading System (PLS) expects to achieve over \$5M in cost savings by eliminating three color camouflage painting of flatracks that carry cargo. PLS estimates a cost reduction of nearly \$400 per flatrack, enabling the Army to partially offset the funding shortfall in its total requirements for flatracks.

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